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**RETAILERS ENCOURAGED TO REGISTER FOR
THE ELECTRONIC WASTE RECYCLING FEE PROGRAM**

The California State Board of Equalization is encouraging retailers to register as sellers of electronic equipment to meet the requirements of a new state law according to Board Member Bill Leonard.

Beginning January 1, 2005, the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003 requires retailers who sell or lease new or refurbished televisions, computer monitors, laptop computers or other video display devices covered by the new state law to collect and remit the electronic waste recycling fee to the Board of Equalization.

While implemented by the California Integrated Waste Management Board and the Department of Toxic Substances Control; the Board of Equalization will register retailers and collect the recycling fees – which range from six to ten dollars per purchase. In the fall of 2004, the Board of Equalization sent special notices to retailers advising them of the recycling fee and urging them to register. Applications are available online at www.boe.ca.gov.

“We are asking those retailers responsible for collecting the new fee to register with the agency now, so we are ready to begin collecting the fee,” said Board Member Leonard. “Revenue from the fee will be used to help safely recycle video display devices, which contain hazardous materials.”

For additional information on the e-waste recycling fee program, visit the following websites: www.boe.ca.gov, www.ecycle.org or www.dtsc.ca.gov.

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was elected to his first term as Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization in 2002. Prior to his election, he served in the State Assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

The five-member Board of Equalization is the only publicly elected tax commission in the nation. The Board collects nearly \$42 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and also plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property tax.

Other Board Members include Betty T. Yee of San Francisco, Acting Member, First District, Claude Parrish of Long Beach, Third District, and John Chiang of Los Angeles, Fourth District. State Controller Steve Westly also serves as a member of the Board.

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